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32.	Desh Bharat Sports Club, Faridkot Block Moga II, Punjab	30,000/-
33.	Ata Bhowkarari Society Dev. Association, Barpeta, Assam	30,000/-
34.	Garaiwari United Club, Distt. Karbi Anglong, Assam	30,000/-
35.	Parghati Sangha, P.O. Aralia, P.O. East Agartala, Tripura	30,000/-
36.	Cosmos Art and Sports Club, Thiruvempedy, Kerala	30,000/-
37.	Navodayam Art and Sports Club, Neeravil, P.O. Kollam, Kerala	30,000/-
38.	Victory Art and Sports Club, Khozhikode, Kerala	8,000/-
	Total :	8,37,995/-

Note : During the year 1993-94 no grant was released.

[Translation]

Lift Irrigation Centres in Uttar Pradesh

*27. SHRI D.P. YADAV : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether several lift irrigation centres are not functioning in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have looked into it;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to make water available for irrigation purpose in the State in adequate quantity ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) to (d) Subject matter relates to the State Government. Based on the information furnished by the Government of Uttar Pradesh, the position is as under :

It is not correct to say that several lift irrigation centres in Uttar Pradesh are not functioning. Out of reported running 24 major/medium and 229 minor lift pump canals in the plains of U.P., 7 minor lift canals are temporarily closed due to defects in electrical system.

(e) Water for irrigation is being made available by the existing system and bottlenecks such as temporary closure of canals either due to electrical system defects or due to mechnical defects are being attended to promptly.

[English]

Mid-Day Meal Scheme

*28. SHRI JANG BAHADUR SINGH PATEL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have given grant to the Delhi Government, New Delhi Municipal Council and Municipal Corporation of Delhi for the Mid-day Meal Scheme, during 1996 and 1997;

(b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that the grant so given, is utilised properly ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) to (c) Under the National Programme of Nutritional Support to Primary Education commonly known as Mid-day Meal Scheme, this Department releases funds to the Food Corporation of India (FCI) which supplies foodgrains to the States/UTs.

According to information furnished by Delhi Government, the quantity of wheat lifted from FCI under the scheme so far is as follows :

1995-96	2150 MTs.
1996-97	6389 MTs.

The implementation of the scheme is monitored and reviewed by the Central and State Governments.

Blood Banks

*29. SHRI PRADIP BHATTACHARYA :
SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Blood Banks Transmitters of AIDS" which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' dated January 20, 1997;

(b) if so, whether the blood banks in the country are responsible for the spread of AIDS in the country due to providing infectious blood;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to examine the functioning of the various blood banks; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per reports available, the HIV transmission by transfusion of blood and blood products ranges between 6–8 per cent.